

“(1) research the use of alternatives to prosecution through pretrial diversion in appropriate cases involving individuals with mental illness;

“(2) offer specialized training to personnel of criminal and juvenile justice agencies in appropriate diversion techniques;

“(3) provide technical assistance to local governments, mental health courts, and diversion programs, including technical assistance relating to program evaluation;

“(4) help localities build public understanding and support for community reintegration of individuals with mental illness;

“(5) develop a uniform program evaluation process; and

“(6) conduct a national evaluation of the collaboration program that will include an assessment of its cost-effectiveness.

“(f) INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General and the Secretary shall establish an interagency task force with the Secretaries of Housing and Urban Development, Labor, Education, and Veterans Affairs and the Commissioner of Social Security, or their designees.

“(2) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The task force established under paragraph (1) shall—

“(A) identify policies within their departments that hinder or facilitate local collaborative initiatives for preliminary qualified offenders; and

“(B) submit, not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this section, a report to Congress containing recommendations for improved interdepartmental collaboration regarding the provision of services to preliminary qualified offenders.

“(g) MINIMUM ALLOCATION.—Unless all eligible applications submitted by any State or unit of local government within such State for a planning or implementation grant under this section have been funded, such State, together with grantees within the State (other than Indian tribes), shall be allocated in each fiscal year under this section not less than 0.75 percent of the total amount appropriated in the fiscal year for planning or implementation grants pursuant to this section.

“(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Justice to carry out this section—

“(1) \$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2004 and 2005; and

“(2) such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2006 through 2008.”

(b) LIST OF “BEST PRACTICES”.—The Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall develop a list of “best practices” for appropriate diversion from incarceration of adult and juvenile offenders.

(c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3711 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“PART HH—ADULT AND JUVENILE
COLLABORATION PROGRAM GRANTS

“Sec. 2991. Adult and juvenile collaboration programs.”

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee reported substitute amendment be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read three times, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD without intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill (S. 1194), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE
PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION
ACT OF 2004

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Banking Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 1768, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will state the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:
A bill (S. 1768) to extend the national flood insurance program.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 1768) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1768

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “National Flood Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2004”.

SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM.

(a) EXTENSION.—The National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 is amended—

(1) in section 1309(a)(2) (42 U.S.C. 4016(a)(2)), by striking “December 31, 2003” and inserting “December 31, 2004”;

(2) in section 1319 (42 U.S.C. 4026), by striking “after” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “after December 31, 2004.”;

(3) in section 1336(a) (42 U.S.C. 4056(a)), by striking “ending” and all that follows through “in” and inserting “ending December 31, 2004, in”;

(4) in section 1376(c) (42 U.S.C. 4127), by striking “December 31, 2003” and inserting “December 31, 2004”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall be considered to have taken effect on December 31, 2003.

COMMENDING THE PEOPLE AND
GOVERNMENT OF ROMANIA ON
THE OCCASION OF THE VISIT OF
THE PRESIDENT OF ROMANIA TO
THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 250, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will state the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows.

A resolution (S. Res. 250) commending the people and the government of Romania on the occasion of the visit of Romanian President Ion Iliescu to the United States, for the important progress they have made with respect to economic reform and democratic development, as well as for the strong relation-

ship between Romania and the United States.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 250) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 250

Whereas, in 1995, Romania joined with the United States and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) to provide assistance to the Stabilization Force (SFOR) deployed to Bosnia and Herzegovina to support peace, security, and freedom in the western Balkans;

Whereas, in 1999, Romania joined with the United States and NATO member countries to provide assistance for Operation Allied Force to use military force in order to halt the genocide, known as ethnic cleansing, that was taking place in Kosovo;

Whereas, after the conclusion of Operation Allied Force, Romania provided support to democracy activists from the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in their successful efforts to end the rule of Yugoslav dictator Slobodan Milosevic, and also provided support to NATO stabilization forces deployed in Kosovo Force (KFOR);

Whereas, following the terrorist attacks upon the United States in September 2001, the Government of Romania immediately expressed its sympathy for Americans and others killed in the attacks and pledged its full support in fighting the war on terror;

Whereas, on September 19, 2001, the Romanian Parliament voted to open Romanian territory and airspace to United States Armed Forces involved in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan;

Whereas thousands of American aircraft flew through Romanian airspace during the combat phase of Operation Enduring Freedom, and continue to do so as part of peace-building efforts;

Whereas, beginning on June 2002, Romanian aircraft flew Romanian soldiers to serve in Afghanistan as part of the forces involved in Operation Enduring Freedom and the International Security Assistance Force, and over 500 elite Romanian soldiers are currently stationed in Afghanistan;

Whereas Romania stood with the United States as a vital member of the international coalition in Operation Iraqi Freedom by offering diplomatic, political, and military support;

Whereas, in a January 31, 2003, letter to President George W. Bush, President Ion Iliescu of Romania stated that “Romania can understand that aggressive dictators cannot be appeased or ignored, but always be opposed. Romanians indeed know the value of freedom and living in peace. They have seen the face of evil embodied in communism and deeply share your conviction, expressed in the State of the Union address, that ‘free people will set the course of history’”;

Whereas, on February 12, 2003, the Romanian Parliament voted to open Romanian territory and airspace to United States Armed Forces carrying out Operation Iraqi Freedom;

Whereas hundreds of American aircraft flew through Romanian airspace and landed

at Romanian airfields during the combat phase of Operation Iraqi Freedom from May to July 2003;

Whereas thousands of United States soldiers were stationed and transported into the Iraq theatre of operations from Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base, and the neighboring Black Sea port of Constantza was also used in the fall of 2002 and spring of 2003 for rotating United States Armed Forces and equipment in and out of the Balkans;

Whereas, beginning on March 12, 2003, Romania began deploying military forces to Iraq to assist in building security, peace, and democracy, and over 750 Romanian soldiers are currently stationed in Iraq;

Whereas the Government of Romania has spent more than \$160,000,000 during the past two years to fund its participation in SFOR, KFOR, Operation Enduring Freedom, the International Security Assistance Force, and Operation Iraqi Freedom;

Whereas, together with Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovakia, and Slovenia, Romania successfully achieved the military, economic, and political reforms necessary to be invited, at the November 2002 summit meeting in Prague of the North Atlantic Council, to join the NATO alliance;

Whereas, in his historic address at Piata Revolutiei on November 23, 2002, President Bush told the Romanian people that "Romania has made a historic journey. Instead of hatred, you have chosen tolerance. Instead of destructive rivalry with your neighbors, you have chosen reconciliation. Instead of state control, you have chosen free markets and the rule of law. And instead of dictatorship, you have built a proud and working democracy."; and

Whereas, on May 8, 2003, the Senate voted 96 to 0 to approve the resolution of advice and consent to the Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) appreciates the support expressed by the people of Romania for strong and vibrant relations between the United States and Romania;

(2) recognizes the steps the Government of Romania has taken and continues to take in economic, political, and social reforms, including reforms to improve protections of the rights of minorities and to promote awareness and understanding of the Holocaust;

(3) commends Romania for its leadership and commitment in promoting regional peace and security in the Balkan and Black Sea regions;

(4) values the participation of a significant number of Romanian troops and civilian experts in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, the permission granted by the Government of Romania for the United States to use Romanian airspace and territory, and the deployment of Romanian military forces in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, all of which have been important contributions to the global war on terror and serve as a tangible and ongoing demonstration of Romania's commitment as an ally of the United States;

(5) supports further cooperation between the United States and Romania in the process of stabilizing and reconstructing Iraq, including the utilization of Romania's experience emerging from a Communist dictatorship and creating a functioning democracy and free market economy; and

(6) welcomes Romanian President Ion Iliescu to the United States and looks forward to expanded political, diplomatic, eco-

nomie, and military cooperation between Romania and the United States.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR—S.J. RES. 21

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I understand that S.J. Res. 21 is at the desk and is due for its second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct. The clerk will read the title of the joint resolution.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 21) expressing the sense of Congress that the number of years during which the death tax under subtitle B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is repealed should be extended, pending the permanent repeal of the death tax.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I object to further proceedings on the measure at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard. The bill will be placed on the calendar.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER
28, 2003

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 28. I further ask that following the prayer and the pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then proceed to executive session to consider the Leavitt nomination as provided under the previous order; provided that following the disposition of the nomination, the Senate return to legislative session and resume consideration of H.R. 2800, the foreign operations appropriations bill.

I further ask consent that the Senate recess tomorrow from 12:30 to 2:15 for the weekly party lunches.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The assistant minority leader.

Mr. REID. If the Senator will yield, I have had the opportunity today to speak to the distinguished Senator from Kentucky on a number of issues. One of the things that I did not speak to him about—and I have had a number of inquiries on this side—is if we are unable to adjourn by next Friday, November 7, the date that the distinguished majority leader has suggested, a real question arises as to what we are going to do the Monday and Tuesday of the following week. We need to have a decision made on that real soon because it is Veterans Day and there are some parades around the country in which people want to be involved. So I say to the distinguished majority whip that if the leader could make a decision on that as quickly as possible, many people would appreciate that.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The assistant majority leader.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I appreciate that. I know the majority

leader's thinking at the moment is that Monday would be a workday. We have a lot of work to do if we plan to finish up this session, certainly before Thanksgiving, if not sooner, which I think would be the preference of most of the Members. I think it is his current intention, which I am sure he will address in the next few days, that the Monday before Veterans Day, which falls on a Tuesday, would be a workday.

Mr. REID. I would simply say to my friend from Kentucky that I believe that is a wise decision. We have a lot to do and every day that we are not here means that much longer we have to go into Thanksgiving and, perish the thought, thinking about Christmas.

Mr. MCCONNELL. My friend from Nevada is absolutely right. If we take off Monday and then Tuesday, people will start coming in on Wednesday, and pretty soon it is Wednesday night and we have squandered the whole week. So I am sure the majority leader will address that in the next day or two. I know it is his current intention that the Monday before Veterans Day, which falls on Tuesday, would be a workday.

Mr. REID. If I could just say one more thing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The assistant minority leader.

Mr. REID. I know my veterans in Nevada would understand because a lot of the work we are doing is directly related to them anyway.

PROGRAM

Mr. MCCONNELL. For the information of all Senators, tomorrow the Senate will resume consideration of the Leavitt nomination to be Administrator of EPA. Under the previous order, there will be 1 hour of debate prior to the vote on the nomination. The vote on the Leavitt nomination, therefore, will occur at around 10:30 a.m. tomorrow. That vote will be the first vote of the day.

Following the disposition of the Leavitt nomination, the Senate will resume debate on the foreign operations appropriations bill. There are several amendments pending that have been laid aside. As the chairman of that subcommittee, the manager of that bill, it is our hope and expectation—and I know I speak for Senator LEAHY when I say this—that we will wrap up the foreign operations bill sometime tomorrow night. There is really not a flood of amendments on either side, and there is no reason we should not be able to march on through that bill tomorrow and finish it up tomorrow night.

Therefore, Senators obviously should expect rollcall votes throughout the day tomorrow.